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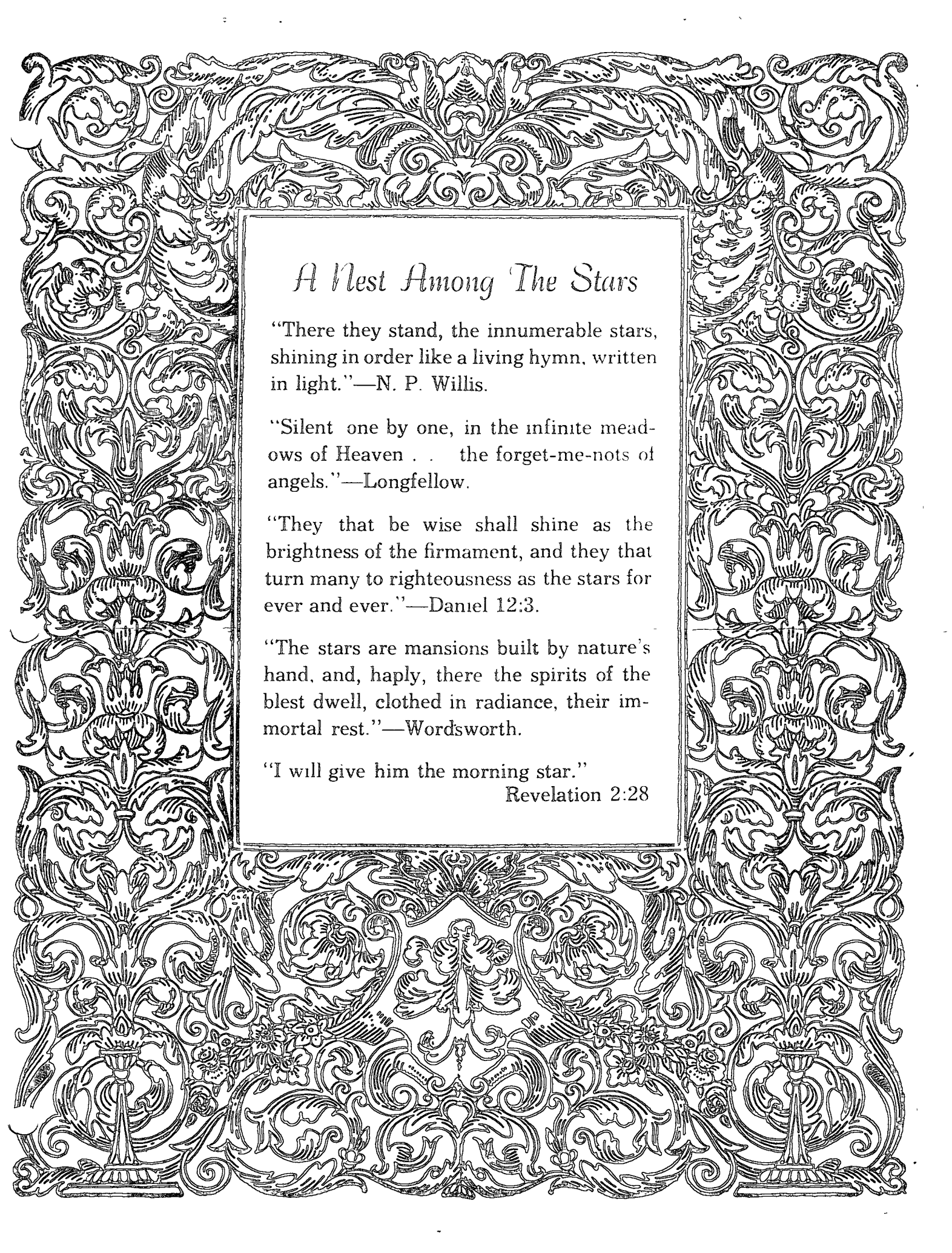
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A Nest Among The Stars

"There they stand, the innumerable stars,
shining in order like a living hymn, written
in light."—N. P. Willis.

"Silent one by one, in the infinite mead-
ows of Heaven . . . the forget-me-nots of
angels."—Longfellow.

"They that be wise shall shine as the
brightness of the firmament, and they that
turn many to righteousness as the stars for
ever and ever."—Daniel 12:3.

"The stars are mansions built by nature's
hand, and, haply, there the spirits of the
blest dwell, clothed in radiance, their im-
mortal rest."—Wordsworth.

"I will give him the morning star."
Revelation 2:28

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A NEST AMONG THE STARS

*B*eloved Companion:

Let us sit around the table to receive valuable truths from another Mayan Lesson.

Some years ago a hurricane roared inland to smash at a Texas city. It struck with terrific force and much property was destroyed by the angry winds and waves that had been stirred into frightening fury. Thousands perished.

Among those in that imperiled city was a family composed of husband, wife, and a boy eleven years old. Their house went to pieces in the storm, but after a terrific struggle they found safety on the top of a neighbor's barn. The husband was pretty well exhausted and disheartened as he saw the home for which he had labored hard, ripped apart and washed away. He complained bitterly of his luck, whereupon the boy who had seen a star, took a more hopeful view of the situation. Rising to a sublime height of courage, he said: "Don't be so down-hearted, Dad, everything is not lost by any means. The lot is still there and you have mother and me. We'll build it all back and plant prettier roses than ever in the yard.

No matter how wild the storm or how heavy the clouds, the stars will come out again and the winds will calm again. God made those stars and, according to Genesis 1:17, "He set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." Until they are blotted out by His hand they will continue to shine. He alone can "bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bonds of Orion." As long as His power prevails on earth we might appeal to Him in all instances for help.

In this lesson we shall learn of "A Nest Among the Stars".

What boy is there who has not gone out in the springtime and searched for the little wild home of a blue bird, or watched an "improvised hatchery" in the grass until Mother Bob White came forth leading her feathered army just learning to fly? What boy has not tried in vain to scale the rugged cliffs and look into an eagle's nest?

The strongest birds build nearest the sky, as the finest thoughts are born closest to God.

In the desperate storms of life we are thankful for celestial lights. In the higher nests we hatch out the sweet truths. No noble principle was ever

nurtured in the dark. The things worth fighting for in that nest among the stars are spiritual blessings that shine like orbs of eventide. They are principles that light a path with the splendor of a regal sun.

A Nest Among the Stars!

Let me define it as a dwelling place in the heart of Divine Intelligence, with the miracle forces of a mind awakened to its kingly blessings; a palace of light surrounded by acres of blue and oceans with little white caps twinkling everywhere. What true poetry is inspired in a nest like that; what beautiful ideals are fashioned there; what greater things are given wings to fly a Realm Imperial. From that nest where Sirius, Orion, Arcturus and the Pleiades shine, bright eyes look down in pity on those who have never learned the sweet truths that put man's mind in touch with Universal Mind and gave him healing power.

If we nest among the stars, if we accept and practice the ideals of Mayanry, we can read the scriptures of the sky. We can hold sweet communion with high priests who have found the invisible gifts of God. We can see at close range the beautiful fields of faith from which to draw strength for our physical and spiritual contests. We can be a neighbor to the miraculous, a seeker after the inexplicable and tap a hidden fountain of power, inducing its waters to flow like a river toward us.

Faith and affirmation shape our fate.

Men sometimes wonder if the heavenly orbs we see at night are inhabited. Star-gazers with plenty of imagination see irrigation ditches on Mars and broad and luxuriant acres under cultivation. They believe that some day there will be a system of communication between that celestial sphere and this old earth. They have creative imagination.

I dare not speculate on that. It is something God will reveal to us in His own good time.

But those who nest among the stars will find an answer to the unrevealed truths of Divine Intelligence. In a fashion, they can now communicate with forces that hold the mysteries of the Universe. God is everywhere; He is in us and we are in Him. You and I are one with Him and whatever we ask, believing, we shall receive. We can perform miracles by gaining entree to His Holy Sanctuary. We can learn what He would have us know about even the farthest star.

We can heal the sick in His name.

Those lights above that illuminate God's mighty palace can be turned on truths that only Mayans know. They are lighthouses of knowledge and their secrets are revealed to those who kneel and pray, and with believing minds express a desire to know them.

The eaglet is taught to fly in high places. His training is up where the gray of the peaks meet the blue of the sky. Those who nest among the stars must learn to think on high ground where true values are found, where one learns that "Knowledge is Power" and that action gives it wings with which to fly the yellow highway of the sun.

In this world it is not only necessary to have knowledge, it is necessary to have an analytic mind to separate the true from the false. A fact may be so garbled that no one can find its real value. Knowledge is wasted that is not properly directed along with faith and affirmation. It must be nurtured in a healthy environment and so spiritualized as to feel its connection with Universal Mind and put the celestial to terrestrial use.

Human knowledge cannot interpret all mystery, but it can find out for each one of us what we are supposed to do on this earth, and how to go about doing it. There is a lot of work necessary, a lot of research and a lot of thinking. We have to learn to delve into the miraculous and find hidden blessings.

I think we should never have a healing lesson without enriching it with meditation and with a strong and beautiful faith. We should not undertake anything in life and expect a victory until we have first of all talked with God about it. No desire is too small to be called to His attention. A heart-wish turned His way brings riches, sunlight, songs and meadows spangled with flowers. But whatever we ask of the Father, through the hidden avenues of the sub-conscious mind and the transmuting forces of ether, must be pressed by a great desire and an unfailing belief.

"I WILL GIVE HIM A MORNING STAR" - Revelation 2:28

Every petition should end with these words: "If it be well, Most Precious Father, grant this favor." When we seek healing power it should be to help someone in need of our services and not for our own aggrandizement. A person who contacts Divine Intelligence, who purposes in his heart to make life useful as well as pleasant and successful, who strives above all to gain HEALING POWER, lives in a nest among the stars. Such a one can create anything that he imagines. Remember that imagining is "Image-ing". You are "made in His image." You can create too, in your image. The image that you hold in your mind is a creating. You can develop an indwelling force and faith in the great purposes of God, and with that knowledge you can bless and heal. The Father showers love upon such a heart; He fills it with the flow of understanding and makes every surrounding orb a light to direct each step taken.

Those in that nest can draw Strength and Wisdom from the magic mind that rules the Universe.

In the business world it is recognized that you have to spend money to make money. No one who was too short-sighted to realize the need of advertising and keeping the place attractive to customers has ever succeeded to any extent. A man told me that he spent a million dollars establishing a magazine before it commenced showing a dime in profits. Many choice products have gone begging because there were no funds to introduce them to the people.

In the spiritual world we must give liberally before we need to look for profits. No "advance money" is forthcoming. The requirement is a SERVICE, and one that is helpful and beautiful in the sight of God, and we need not have any doubt about being well paid for it. God's gifts are lavish and His promises are ample security. He has made His pledges and they will be in effect when vandals have sacked and destroyed the last cathedral that pierces the Heaven with its gilded spire.

If there is a failure, the mortal and not the Immortal will be responsible for it.

Did you ever look into the sky on a clear summer's night and wonder about the stars? Did you ever dream of flying high into the sky to see what made them twinkle? It is only through Mind that we can sail the high, blue waters and gently touch the silvery shores of the moon. It appears as a foreign envoy of light, a brilliant minister, casting messages of hope from a realm we cannot reach. It smiles at us; it exerts influence all about us. It is such a great distance measured by miles; but we can extend our Souls to the farthest outpost, and build a nest where Orion and the Pleiades reign. We can dwell in close proximity to that Star the shepherds saw that holy night. We can beam as gloriously as Venus opening the doors of dawn.

We can troup among the constellations through belief and prayer.

Visualize your wants; make your desires known; strengthen your affirmations and you can be what you want to be; merchant, prince or statesman. Feed the mental, the spiritual, the soulful; reach out for the hidden gifts and enjoy the beautiful and the glorious; learn to heal and live near a temple "with God for its light and Christ for its High Priest."

Through creative imagination the human mind can open the Gates of Glory and talk with the blessed. Its dearest desire can be transformed into its physical counterpart.

Miracle Power is born in a nest among the stars. It is cradled where belief is a sacred rose that never dies. We receive it, and the waters of a fountain flowing out of Paradise. It is something holy; something to be sought through consecration and prayer. It is a gift to "a faith that surpasseth understanding", that sends one out to achieve the miraculous, determined that there shall be no failure.

Miracle Power brings happiness, health and prosperity after everything else has failed.

It restores the "incurable", whom medical science has given up to die. It is one of the strongest weapons used by the successful men of the world in climbing up the mountains and planting high the flag of victory. It says to everyone who has not been a success: "You can be and you will be if you follow all instructions and abide in full faith." It will do nothing for the agnostic, the skeptic, the infidel or any who have no faith in God, in the Scriptures and in Immortality.

Don't let a lack of confidence get you by the coat-tail and hold you back. Columbus faced a threatening, impatient and doubting crew that wanted to turn back. "What must I say to the men?" asked the first mate who came to the great discoverer for advice. The answer came thundering back: "Sail on, and on and on!"

If Columbus had not possessed the courage of his convictions, if he had not had the grit to keep his course and sail against the setting sun, he never would have found America. Those with that courage of flint can dare and do.

They can build up their personal income; they can render the highest service in healing; they can rise above displeasing circumstances and build a nest amidst the stars.

One of them can take hold, like a field marshal directing a battle, who will refuse under the most discouraging situation to order a retreat. He throws everything he has into the fight, and, Beloved Companion, that is what all of us must do to win in any sort of a contest, either physical or spiritual. We cannot heal merely by saying "Pick up your bed and walk." But if we possess the spirit of the One who said that, we could, with His faith, do the things that He did.

Affirmation is something that can charge like a troupe of cavalry. Use it frequently and forcibly when you undertake healing.

In our daily meditations we should seek attunement with Universal Mind and strive as heroes to accomplish the purposes we have chosen in our Minds. You need not expect to have immediate and full success in healing unless you can enjoy the influence of a nest among the stars and can, through a transfluent reception of spiritual strength, exercise Miracle Power. One can always take time to withdraw to some quiet grove and seek sweet communion there with the Holy Spirit, but it is possible to keep the heart in a prayerful mood on the busiest thoroughfare. The beautiful flower can carry its fragrance into a cottage as well as a mansion.

Florence Nightingale attributed her fame to an unshakeable conviction that there was a place for her on the battlefield, and kings could not stop her. She possessed those qualities that have never once failed in all the world. There was no pretense to greatness and no thought of self, but there was a constant cry which she heard coming from the wounded soldiers. She listened and answered it.

Her affirmation turned every obstacle aside and led to a glorious victory.

She swept women into war, not as combatants but as angels of mercy provided to relieve the victims of hate. Her tender touch, her love, her smile - and sometimes her prayer - did as much good as her medicine and her bandages. That spirit should be our spirit; it works with God and gives to faith and service a crown of solid gold. Attuned to Divine Intelligence it can ride the gilded highway of attainment.

Florence Nightingale's faith and determination to help in the world made her one of the outstanding women of history, and you and I have the same avenues open to us for achievement. Her mission was not to make wounds but to heal them.

You cannot rise to the height of the stars with your physical self but you can have your mind nest among them. It can fly around the world while you are walking across the street. It can take better care of you than your own hands. It can enter the orchard of Divine Intelligence and share the luscious fruit.

The human mind vibrating in accord with Universal Mind can heal where

the best doctors have failed. But one must think high to ride high. He must have those Real Emotional Feelings that constitute a magnetic force of desire to DO the thing undertaken. Seek the highest accord. If you bargain with life for a clod you'll never be paid in diamonds. The Mayans are praying, believing, affirming and, consequently, gaining the power to heal. Some very sweet stories of healing reach us every day, and every day hearts are being made happy.

This Order, by its amazing spread, has created spheres in which "the Soul drinks from living waters." Springs of joy roll in from a thousand hills to create a mighty river on which the bright sails of Faith and Hope are seen. Our work is crowned with fruition. It teaches the most distressed how to cheer up.

I wish you could see the many letters received from Mayan mothers whose babies have been restored to health by placing their heart-wishes in our little Chapel. They are as sweet as flowers with dawn's dew still clinging to their lovely petals.

The faithful Mayan teaches by exemplary conduct. His daily contact with Universal Mind, through prayer and meditation, adds a refreshing chapter to a beautiful story. He has found an open gate into the fields of God and has built a heaven in which his own heart-beats keep time with the music. He does not think of it as some far off region where God sits on a cold throne judging us. He thinks of it as an atmosphere of beautiful thoughts, of kindly deeds of healing power.

It is as close to him as the smile of a friend. It is a place built of love and gentleness and brotherhood. Laughter is heard there and wild birds sing. Its angels are mothers.

The Father is a great, pure, affectionate spirit, not a stern judge who delights in punishment. He is "infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being" and He "preserveth all them that love Him." (Ps. 145:20). He is Universal Mind, a force that is everywhere and rules everywhere. All that is beautiful is a part of Him whether it be a rose or a star, whether the smile of a babe or the thundering of Niagara. He is God of the king and God of the flower that says good-morning to the shepherd on the lonely hill. His sweetness is in the heart of every song and a part of every worthy deed.

"Ye shall know that the living God is among you." (Jos. 3:10). He is ready to crown you with healing power.

Man does not have the physical appearance of God but it is possible to be like Him in Spirit, in Soul, in Heart and in Mind. We can love what He loves, and shun what He shuns. We can be true as He is, and fearless as He is. We can have happy thoughts as He does and do the things His blessed Son did. We can enjoy the flowers with which He has sown the wild prairies and the silvery rivers that thread our continents.

Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" and when we love Him we will love our neighbors.

He also said: "The Kingdom of God is within you." (Lu. 17:21). It

is possible to make that Kingdom a beautiful dwelling place by living a beautiful life and adhering to the Mayan principles. You can harmonize with God and be whatever you want to be. You can work with the revelation principle and, through faith, desire and affirmation, heal the sick among you.

You can look upon the dawning day and see the flickering fire of the love that is in His heart. It is a divine flame that should chase away all darkness and drive out all doubt.

One should be meek in spirit, but not an abject, crawling, self-despising creature. Someone has spoken of humility as "the low, sweet root from which all heavenly virtue sprouts." But don't hide yourself in a barrel because of an inferiority complex. Many a flower has wasted its sweetness on the desert air, and many a person, brilliant, learned and capable, has sold himself for a penny. Mayanry fortifies itself against retreat. It says: Be true, be forgiving, be gentle, be self-reliant and adhere to all of the great principles. Affirmation can bring a flood of light to overflow all that baffles.

Fortified behind these great truths one is arrayed like the lilies and decorated like Solomon.

The religion that can express itself in healing power is the most valuable in the world and the most beautiful; it is the most precious in the sight of God whose son made it one of the chief glories of His pure and lovely life. As the sun comes over the hills to brighten the world, we should arise in full luminous glory and mark a noonday path for all who travel in darkness.

Building a nest among the stars does not mean standing aloof from the ground forces, living in the stratosphere and forgetting the human duties that press upon us. It means carrying on the essential toil of this plain, old earth with a mind that can reach up and grasp the highest truths. It means having thoughts that harmonize with Divine Wisdom and constitute the forces that rule the Universe. It means standing as an individual unit of Infinite Intelligence and getting a close vision of the true works and guiding signboards that mark the happy course of life.

St. Mark said: "Unto you is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom." (Chap. 4, vs.3). This oft-overlooked passage in the Bible means that we can open the door to all light and strength. It means that we can have understanding, and nest high. It means that we can heal, through a knowledge of the requirements for the great gift. The Bible tells us that we can find a new heaven and a new earth, and in them we can enjoy health, prosperity and happiness.

Look well to your tasks as a Mayan.

No contemplated change can be brought about by force, which is always brutal. It is to spring from love, the sweet flower of a religion that gives its highest expression in actual doing, in curing the sick. There is nothing so touching to human hearts nor so pleasing to the Divine as an act that gives restoration where human efforts have failed.

This lesson is as full of good thoughts for the Mayan as an April field

is full of flowers. But its value will depend on how faithfully it is read and how well it is studied by the student.

An outstanding leader in industry rode through the Great Smoky Mountains at that season when this beauty was fully unfurled. There are fourteen hundred different kinds of well-known flowers growing profusely in that region, but this man never saw one of them. He never heard a whip-poor-will, a lark or a mockingbird. He never saw anything beautiful.

The smoke curling up from chimneys in the valley, the little white church buildings on the mountain slopes, the men plowing their fields, all escaped him. He was looking for commercial timber and was not interested in Nature's wonderful beauty.

If you have not had an interesting tour amidst brilliant, constructive, healing thoughts; if you have never looked upon a picture portraying the life beautiful; if you have found no goldfields of human character, you should read every word of this lesson over again and again.

Remember, you have to drill deep for pure water.

We can nest among the stars and view the lovely things of earth as one looks upon the Grand Canyon from its purple rim. We can pray and reach the ear of God. In that lofty dwelling place of the Mind, we can hear the rustle of wings and feel the ties that bind us in a glorious brotherhood.

The knowledge planted within us sprouts, grows, expands and, in time, makes a great shade. It will become a shelter and bless others with a royal share of the Mayan gold. The informed know that ancient Mayans thousands of years ago were able to solve mysteries that perplexed the rest of the world. The magic of the Mind is no secret to their present followers. They can use it through concentration upon the things desired and get what they want.

With a universal acceptance of the truths taught in this lesson, the whole world might live in a golden mist of glorious peace. There might be love and happiness and health from "The halls of the Montezumas to the shores of Tripoli."

In bringing this monograph to a close, let me leave these simple truths with you; the best known medicine is prayer; the greatest gift is the healing power; the surest instrument of achievement is affirmation; the finest possession in the world is a sound thought in a sound Mind.

Possess these things and you may nest among the stars.

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